

I'VE GOT the glimmering of an idea for a postwar invention. Remember that mournful feeling you had when driving away from a parking meter with the greater part of your nickel still unchanged? Well, this is an automatic change-maker I am thinking about — you punch a button, and recover the three cents that the clock says is coming to you.

YOU READ yesterday that the Federal Power Commission has approved the schedule of rates to be charged by Southwestern Gas & Electric Co. for hydro power fed into its lines from the federally-owned Narrows Dam generating plant at Murfreesboro.

Southwestern pays the government a flat \$207,000 a year, returns 5,000 KW to electric co-operatives — and sells the balance to customers on a schedule of rates agreed to by the Federal Power Commission.

I recite these facts to remind the people of Hope that here is a hydro power project only 50 miles away, owned by the federal government, with selling rates regulated by the government — yet our local municipal plant still has no "standby" high-line connecting it with this new source of abundant and cheap electricity.

Municipal plants in Mississippi buy much of their electricity at wholesale cheaper than they can generate it in isolated steam or diesel plants. This fact doesn't alter their municipal-plant status, regardless of the source of the purchased power — private or federal — for the distribution and billing remains entirely in the hands of the municipal government.

But we are sleeping on our rights, certainly, when a vast federal generating plant is set up in our immediate neighborhood and we neglect to take advantage of it. No city can hope to attract new industry to any great extent when its electric facilities have neither the capacity nor the rate-structure to supply the industries that are already here.

THE CENSUS Bureau reports that in 1950, for the first time since it started keeping such records in 1890, the United States had more home-owners than home-renters. Owners, says the Census Bureau, occupied 23,383,000 homes, or 51 per cent. of the total. 45,825,000 homes in existence. And this 23,383,000 figure was 55 per cent of the 42,520,000 units actually occupied.

Such figures dispel whatever doubt may have existed in your mind about the future of our country with its vast commitments and staggering debt. For a nation of home-owners is a nation of stable people — and people with a personal stake in their country will eventually solve its problems, however tough they may be.

## Food Handlers Course to Be Held in Hope

The State Department of Vocational Education, Distributive division, in cooperation with the local public schools and the Chamber of Commerce announces a short unit training course for restaurant and cafeteria employees, or for those people who are interested in entering these vocations in Hope.

There is no charge for this service. This program is endorsed by the Arkansas Restaurant Association.

The classes will be taught by Miss Rose M. Clark, State Instructor in commercial food service training. Miss Clark has had eighteen years experience in the commercial food service field. Meetings will be held one at one half hours a day for five days beginning February 19 and ending February 23.

There will be more than one session offered daily for the convenience of the different business establishments and employees who will be represented in the classes. Sessions will be held in the Chamber of Commerce office at 9:30 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Phases of training included in the basic course are human relations, personality development, grooming for your job, menu knowledge, health and sanitation, table preparation, taking the order, serving the guest, stressing courtesy and suggestive selling. Various films, charts and demonstrations will be used.

All persons interested in availing themselves of this service will please contact the Chamber of Commerce.

## J. V. Fudge, 69, Dies at Home Near Emmet

J. V. Fudge, aged 69, died last night at his home near Emmet. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elva Waddle Fudge, one son, Sherwood of Santa Anna, California, one daughter, Mrs. C. E. Cathcart of Little Rock, one step-son, William Chormley of Little Rock and 4 step-daughters, Mrs. T. J. Duke of Austin, Texas, Capt. Lillian Fore of Frankfurt, Germany, Mrs. R. L. McMurry of Hope and Mrs. Charles McMurry of North Plains, Nebraska.

Burial will be at Harmony near

## Welfare Crisis Bill Passed by House, 83-6

Little Rock, Feb. 16 — (AP) — A compromise bill to solve the current welfare crisis was passed by the house, 83 to 6, today.

Representatives Thurston A. Hulsey of Hempstead and Ira Long of Conway counties presented the measure HB401 which apparently satisfied all factions which have fought for two days over the question of how and by how much to help the welfare department meet April and May payments.

Under today's compromise, which goes to the senate, state Comptroller Le Roy Beasley is authorized to borrow from current allotments to municipal and county turnback about \$420,000. Another \$780,000 would be borrowed from the general surplus fund, making a total of 1,200,000 immediately available to match \$3,000,000 from the federal government.

Rep. J. A. Womack of Dallas county declared that fast action was necessary and added that if the bill is not legally proper it could be amended in the senate. Yesterday, the attorney general suggested that an original bill by Hulsey, coupled with an amendment by Rep. Bill Ward of Lee county, would not accomplish its purpose. The compromise was drawn and introduced yesterday afternoon.

The money would be repaid by Beasley by June 5 and the arrangement is purely temporary. Hulsey said that the bill merely borrows one eighth of current turnback allotments and repays the money before the end of the fiscal year.

"If we don't meet this emergency nobody will get checks for April and May," Hulsey declared. The house also passed a senate bill SB77 requiring automobile owners to assess their cars before they can buy a license.

It was attacked by several speakers, many of whom argued that it would be discriminatory against people of medium incomes.

Representative Norton agreed that it would be effective in getting an estimated one third of Arkansas' automobiles onto the assessment roles but he said there were many other kinds of property tangible and intangible which would not be covered, such as bank deposits, stocks, bonds and cash.

"I am not in favor of going at this thing piecemeal and leaving part of it untouched," Norton charged. "I want to point out you are enlisting the man who owns only a car and maybe a bedroom suite."

Rep. Clifton Wade of Washington county called the bill a good way to see that everyone can be treated equally and added "of course, it's the law now but it's not being complied with."

## Tag Day Funds Will Go to Heart Campaign

Tag Day for the 1951 Heart Fund campaign will be held Saturday, February 17 it was announced today. Ten senior girls, contestants in the "Queen of Hearts" campaign, will sell tags on the streets of Hope tomorrow. The girl selling the largest number of tags and receiving the most votes in the plastic hearts on display at the Saenger Theatre will be crowned "Queen of Hearts". Votes are one cent each.

Hempstead County's quota has been set at \$825 and the drive is being sponsored by the local Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

## Fires Fatal to Two in Arkansas

By The Associated Press  
An elderly man and a small boy died in fires in Arkansas Thursday and a 36-year-old taxicab driver was killed in a traffic accident.

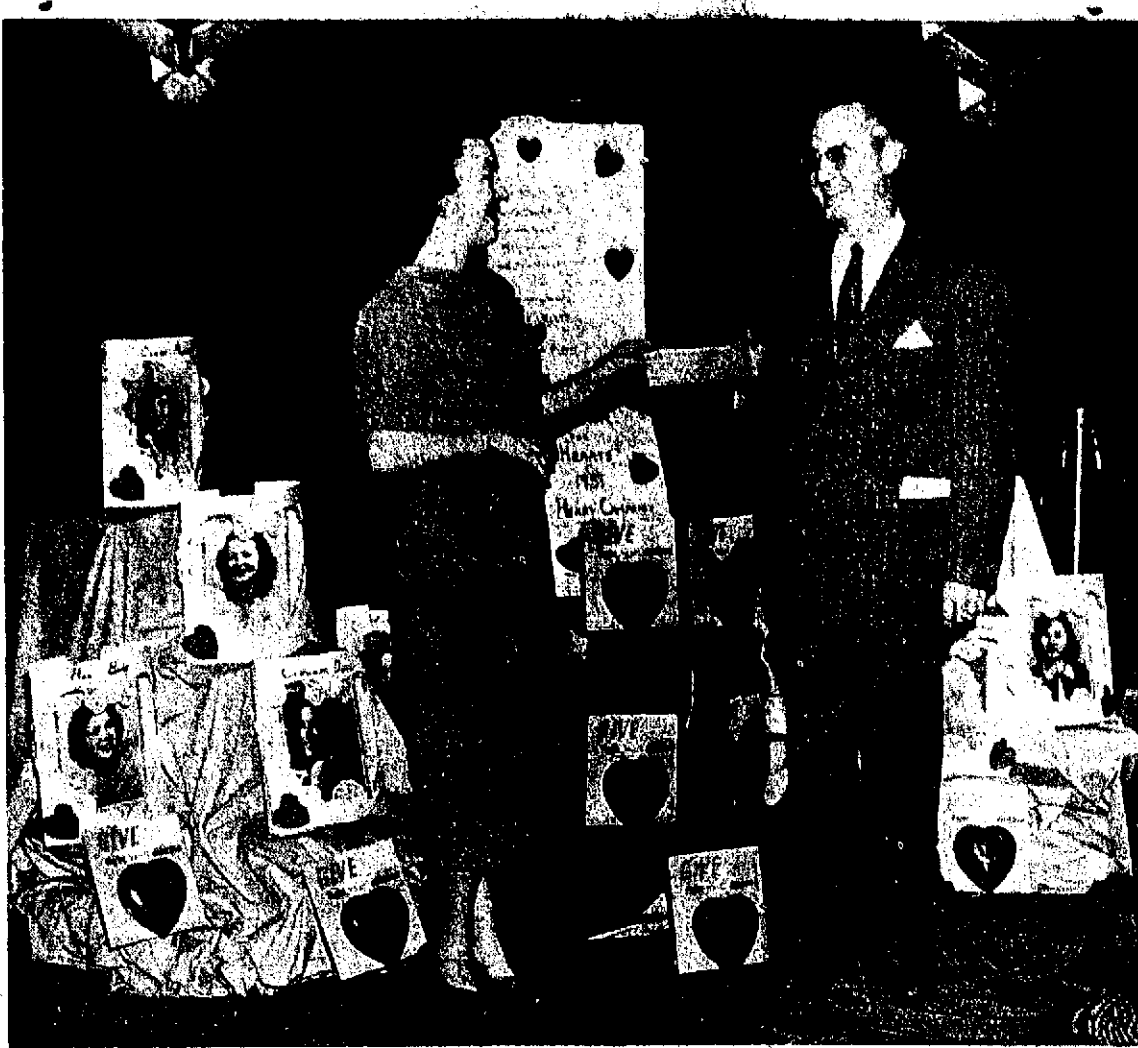
W. S. Rogers, 71, a retired farmer, died in a fire which destroyed his small home near Austin, Loneoke county.

Carl Lee Williams, three, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams, North Little Rock, was burned fatally when his clothing caught fire from a stove at his parents' home.

George Fields, Hot Springs, was killed when his automobile overturned on highway 270 northwest of Hot Springs.

The three deaths brought to seven the fatality toll in the state since Monday. The previous deaths resulted from traffic mishaps.

Smallest House  
London's smallest house, six feet wide by 20 feet long, is situated between two large mansions in Hyde Park Square. You have to climb a narrow ladder to get upstairs, and maintain a precarious balance as you descend.



## Extension Service Changes Affect Local Offices

L. A. Dhonau, associate director of the University of Arkansas extension service today announced the following changes:

Calvin J. Caldwell, who received a bachelor of science in agriculture degree from the University in 1950, has been named assistant county agent for Independence county.

Headquarters are in Batesville. He also attended Southern State College at Magnolia. Mr. Caldwell served in the army during World War II, and has recently been with the Veterans Administration in Hope.

Wyndal I. Minton of urdon has been named assistant county agent for Hempstead county with headquarters at Hope. He also has been a veteran's instructor at Gurdon and served in the army. He attended Southern State College and received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from the University at the mid-term graduation this year.

## Kiwanis Minstrel Rated Tops by Opening Audience

Despite the weather a near capacity crowd was on hand last night for the 8th annual edition of the Hope Kiwanis Club Minstrel and the fun and fanfare poured out by the cast had them in the aisles laughing.

Director Emmett Thompson was well pleased with the performance and was very pleased with the "appreciative" audience. "It's the best minstrel yet" was the general opinion of the audience.

Highlights of the specialty acts were Anita Copeland, the pantomime queen, doing "Hurrah! Hurrah! I'm Going Away"; the zany "Things" featuring Ann Barr, Charlotte Tarpley, Nanette Williams and Barbara Smith and the notable "Luke and Duke" portrayed by a couple of the McDuffy boys, Ernest Ridgill and Jo McCullough. All were top notch acts.

Dr. Emmett Thompson was in good "form" and never better with his usual "one of the year" as were Wayne Taylor, Hendrix Spraggins, Horace Fuller, Clyde Zinn, Paul O'Neal, Clifford Franks and Elmer Brown — the Singing Seven of the club.

Colleen Coffee who has appeared in all previous minstrels, was exceptionally well received as was Guy Griggs, "St. Louis Blues".

Pupils of the McFadden School of Dance, Sandra Hobbs, Caroline Cox, Sue Moore did a ditty titled "Shoe Shine Boy". Little Miss Dillard, neostanger to local audiences, was especially good in her personality song and dance, "Cincinnati Dancing Pig".

Charlotte Hobbs made a big hit with the audience with "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea," as did Jo Anita Cloud, accompanied by Luther Hollamon with "Can't Help Loving That Man of Mine."

The Maids of Note, directed by Mrs. Paul O'Neal were very notable singing O'Neal's "Romance" to the accompaniment by Beth Briggers.

Much credit is due Mrs. Eva Reynerson, the show's musical director.

The show is just what it's supposed to be — plenty of comedy with beautiful music, dancing and singing. Although the cast is local there are many parts that could easily be labeled professional. And it's all for a good cause — to carry out work of the local Youth Center.

## Militarymen Ponder Over Easy Entrance to Korea and the Hard Problem of Leaving

BY HAL BOYLE.  
New York (AP) — Many Americans today want to know when the United States troops will get out of Korea.

Most soldiers over there are asking that question, too. And some are asking themselves another question: "Can we get out — even if we try?" They wonder if grabbing a Chinese dragon by the nose isn't pretty much like holding a lion by the tail — a fellow can't tell what will happen if he lets go.

There is no public answer yet as to when the United Nations forces will leave Korea. But the answer as to whether they can get out largely intact is: "Yes, the odds are high we can."

Defense leaders have pledged that no enemy force is capable of driving the American Eighth Army into the sea. But several developments might lead to a planned withdrawal from that bitter peninsula. And it could be a perilous operation that would pale Dunkerque in scope.

Here are some of the conditions that might lead to a withdrawal: 1. A complete Allied victory and the occupation of Korea clear to the Manchurian and Siberian borders. This looks about as likely now as for Joe Stalin to apply for American citizenship.

2. An agreement between China and the United Nations to pull all foreign forces out of the country, leaving the South and North Koreans again glaring at each other across the 38th parallel.

3. Outbreak of war in Europe or elsewhere that might cause order to deploy its ground forces in a more vital area.

4. An all-out million-man attack by the Chinese army that might force the United Nations troops to withdraw from Korea to save itself terrible losses.

In the event of the first two conditions the problem of withdrawal would be simple. But if the pull-out were made under Chinese pressure or to send our troops to another theater, the problem would be tremendous.

Here is why: One of the most difficult of all operations is for one army to disengage itself successfully from another attacking army — and get away without a big toll in men and equipment. It is triply difficult to get away by sea, for an army is very vulnerable while it is being loaded on ships.

However, the American army undoubtedly has the mobility and firepower to protect itself against a Chinese foot army if it decides to race back into the old Pusan perimeter, embark and sail away. An umbrella or airpower and the might of U. S. naval funds give double assurance.

The handicap might not come from the enemy so much as our allies. What would we do with our native allies — the South Korean soldiers, government officials and civilian workers who have served with us? They would ask: "And how about us?"

That is a tremendous query demanding a tremendous reply. For to leave them behind would probably doom tens of thousands to a certain and deplorable death.

## Bayonet Charge Breaks Red Flanking Attempts Chinese Losses Mount

### MacArthur's Aides Like Stand on 38th

Tokyo, Feb. 16 — (AP) — Officials at General MacArthur's headquarters expressed gratification today that President Truman had cleared "muddy waters" concerning a military crossing of the 38th parallel in Korea.

The President told his news conference Thursday that General MacArthur still has authority to decide whether to thrust north of the political boundary.

Key officers here said there never had been any doubt of that in the general's headquarters. The United Nations approved the first drive across 38 by Allied forces and this directive has not been altered, they said.

The informants, who declined to use their names, said there had been no official overtures to head quarters to halt U. N. forces south of the parallel. They described the recent flurry of discussion on this question as an unofficial campaign conducted largely by the British press.

The view here was that President Truman had considered it time to clarify the situation.

General MacArthur said pointedly in a statement Tuesday that talk of crossing 38 is "purely academic." The reason was military not political, he said.

The general in a special tactical statement then said there might be "scattered patrol action" across the boundary but that "we must materially reduce the existing superiority of our Chinese Communist enemy xxx before we can seriously consider conducting major operations north of that geographic line."

Three days earlier army officials had announced that Republic of Korea (ROK) forces had pushed five miles north of 38 on the east coast, capturing Yangyang, five miles from the line. Subsequently military authorities retracted the announcement.

It was known here that the ROK forces at that time were in position to cross the line and unofficially it was believed likely they had done so. The belief was expressed in military circles but never confirmed that denial of the crossing was made in order to avoid possible repercussions from British leaders.

## New U. S. Men to Europe by March

Washington, Feb. 16 — (AP) — Indications today were that the first additional American division to be dispatched to Europe probably will be on the way early this spring, perhaps in March.

Secretary of Defense Marshall told two senate committees the U. S. plans to send four combat divisions — about 100,000 men, including supporting troops — to join the two already there on occupation duty for joint defense of Western Europe.

But Marshall's testimony left open the question of what four divisions would go and how soon they would start. On the latter point, he said he preferred not to say.

What divisions may be picked, there are these factors:

The 4th infantry division, converted last fall from a training to combat outfit, has been organizing, equipping and training at Fort Benning, Ga., for several months.

In European warfare, because of the terrain, tank outfits have high value in any army. In the United States is the 2nd Armored Division, at Fort Hood, Tex., also, plans are underway for an early re-forming of one of the World War II armored divisions.

Then there is available the 82nd airborne division, a crack outfit which was virtually the only division to be kept at near full-strength level during the pre-Korean days and which since then may have been built up to over strength proportions.

At present, there still are six national guard divisions and two guard regimental combat teams up for federalization in the United States. Four of the divisions and the two combat teams have been in process of training and completing equipment since last September. Two divisions and two combat teams are scheduled to be sent to Europe.

John L. Cleveland pleaded guilty to burglary and grand larceny, sentenced to 2 years for burglary and one year on the grand larceny charge. On two other counts of burglary, he was given 4 years each for a total of 11 years. He was implicated in a series of burglaries on Route 1.

Tokyo, Feb. 16 — (AP) — Allied bayonets slashed back Red attempts to outflank both ends of the central Korean war front today.

On the left flank, southeast of Seoul, American infantrymen — almost out of ammunition — bared bayonets and charged. They chased the fleeing survivors half a mile.

The doughboys killed some 50 Reds. Artillery already had killed about 100 of a dug-in force of 300.

On the right flank of the relatively quiet central front, South Korean infantrymen used bayonets and grenades to throw back Chinese troops north of Chechon. But Communist pressure in that mountainous sector continued.

On the western front south of Seoul, an American tank-infantry patrol ran into more than 500 Chinese just south of the Han river. The Reds were dug in but lost at least 100 men.

Action all along the curving battlefield was relatively small in comparison with fighting in the past five days, in which a Communist drive on the central front was checked.

The Eighth Army counted Red casualties at 4,935 for Thursday, of which 2,275 were on the central front between Chipyong and Wonju. This brought to more than 100,000 the Red losses since the Allied limited offensive jumped off Jan. 25.

Friday's action on the right flank of the central front shifted the Chinese may have inflicted much of its strength to the area north and northwest of Chechon.

They struggled over some of the highest ridges on the backbone of the peninsula to apply reinforced pressure to Chechon, 14 miles south of the major road hub of Wonju.

A South Korean regiment was ready for them at one point. There the Chinese met sterner resistance, 10 miles north of Chechon. First reports indicated more than 2,000 Chinese were being held off.

The flanking development came after a chips-down battle at Chipyong miles northwest of Wonju. Allied reinforcements bolstered the finger-in-the-die force of French and Americans at Chipyong that had crippled three Chinese divisions in checking the main Red push on the central front earlier this week.

To the east of Chipyong, an American-Dutch force stood off massing Red forces above Wonju. Some of those Communists were believed to have taken to the high ridges in the southeast to threaten Chechon. The Reds had no artillery support in their new threat.

AP Correspondent John Randolph reported Eighth Army intelligence estimated the Red strength at five army corps.

A Chinese army corps consists of three divisions, of from 4,000 to 10,000 men in each division. Hence, up to 150,000 troops could be massing for a new onslaught on the central front.

Southeast of Chipyong, where some 2,000 Reds had forged the last link of a ring around the hill-ringed town, British, Scottish and Australian troops ran into a hot fight and failed to reach Chipyong.

However, tank-led American troops got there Thursday night. They were greeted by cheering French and American doughboys who had put up one of the gamiest battles of the war to ship superior odds.

Littered between Chipyong and Wonju were more than 20,000 enemy casualties inflicted in four days by the central front defenders and the more than 1,000 sorties of Allied planes against them Thursday.

Sporadic fighting was reported on the central front Friday. Correspondent Randolph said during the night Allied troops heard the Chinese digging in the battered Reds were regrouping.

Allied troops in the west still held post Inchon, Yongdunpo and Kimpo airport in the Seoul area. The ravaged South Korean capital itself was under artillery fire from U. N. guns south of the winding Han river.

Rowland Funeral 10 a. m. Saturday  
Funeral services for Charles B. Rowland, 87, will be held at the Union Church in Fulton Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The Rev. S. A. Whitlow will officiate. Burial is to be in Rose Hill cemetery in Hope. Burial will be at Harmony near



## SOCIETY

Phone 1200 of 1200 Between 9 A. M. and 4 P. M.

## Calendar

Friday, February 16

Hope Garden Club will meet in the home of Mrs. Mary L. E. Odom at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. L. E. Odom will have the program.

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## Russia May Be Testing New Plane

By ELTON C. FAY

Washington, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Is the Red air force battle-testing a new, ultra-high-speed jet fighter in Korea?

American airmen, it became known today, recently have caught a few brief glimpses of a mysterious, unusually fast jet fighter, presumably well to the north where the Communist jet air force prefers to make its sallies from fields in the Manchurian sanctuary.

Whether the fighter is an entirely new design or an improvement on some known type, such as the MIG-15 or the LA-17, is not yet known. Because the United States air force is not yet sure it has captured the Red plane with an accurate type number but without attempting to designate it as a prototype either of the design team or Mikoyan and Gurevich (from which the names MIG comes) or of Lavochkin. Those two organizations are Russia's foremost designers of jet fighter types.

What concerns American fliers is the report that the mysterious Red jet was able to keep ahead of the fastest operational jet fighter the USAF has, the F-86 Sabre.

One of the early models of the Sabre set a speed record for all planes except the supersonic experimental X-1 rocket plane by flying 670 miles an hour about two years ago.

If the Red jet did indeed fly away from a pursuing F-86 it might have been approaching the so-called "Mach 1" point. That is the measurement for the speed of sound, which varies from 761 miles an hour at sea level to 663 at 40,000 feet altitude.

There was some belief the Red plane may have been equipped with an "afterburner." This device is a system of introducing fuel into the exhaust pipe of the jet engine and igniting it with spark plugs—providing an added boost to the pressure produced by the jet engine itself. It imparts to a plane a burst of added speed or high rate of climb for interception missions. Its disadvantage is a comparatively high rate of fuel consumption, a 75% increase already a problem in jet engines.

So far as is known, none of the F-86 types in operation in Korea are equipped with afterburners, although the F-86D recently went into production. This late model is equipped with an afterburner.

## Swine Feeders Should Make 3-Way Test

There's a three-way check that all swine feeders should make if their profits have been low, says Oliver L. Adams, county agent.

And those three things are the number of pigs weaned per litter, death loss after weaning and the amount of feed required to produce 100 pounds of gain. Using the selling price as the only check on profits isn't accurate, since lots of farmers can make money feeding hogs even when prices are low.

In figuring profit and loss, the number of pigs weaned per litter plays a major part. The old saw that raises five pigs barely paying her room and board and not making anything at all for the farmer. It takes five pigs from a litter to pay all production and feed costs, so all pigs over that number are the producer's profit.

Little Rock. The George Washington motif was used in the dinner and table decorations.

## Hospital Notes

Josephine  
Discharged: Mrs. Joe Porter-  
field, Jr., and baby boy.

Branch  
Admitted: Glenn Hollis, Pat-  
mos.

Discharged: Maxine Merchant  
Blevins.

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## Crimson Holiday

By Jane Holsinger

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THEY STAYED. The murder of Lavinia Grenable was most certainly someone close to her. The girl could have saved the life of her would-be killer, which would have saved her own life. Lavinia Grenable, the dead woman's sister, was a young lawyer, Angus Kent, Lavinia's father, who had been in the army, was a young man, and Lavinia's mother, who had been in the army, was a young woman. Lavinia's father, who had been in the army, was a young man, and Lavinia's mother, who had been in the army, was a young woman.

## HENRY FARWELL smoothed his

daughter's hair gently, looking down at where Lisa sat on the ottoman at his feet.

"That diary of Lavinia Grenable's brought everything out into the open," he said. "I don't see how more harm can come from discussing it. I just didn't want to say too much—I know how you must feel."

Lisa looked at her father quickly and then realized he didn't mean her feelings toward Angus Kent. Henry Farwell thought it was her fear for Court Grenable, of course.

"You actually talked to Lavinia that afternoon?" Lisa asked.

He nodded. "Elizabeth telephoned me and I went over immediately. She and Lavinia had quarreled over Court Grenable's asking you to marry him and Lavinia pulled her old threat about committing Elizabeth to an institution. I think Lavinia believed that if she frightened Elizabeth thoroughly she would call me and she did."

"But why did Aunt Elizabeth...?" Lisa stopped in her child-

hood title for Lavinia's sister.

"She didn't want to see you get entangled with the Grenables," her father said harshly. "She suspected the very thing Andrew Grenable brought out yesterday. I think he knows more than he's telling."

"After leaving Lavinia I started home, Elizabeth walked with me as far as the coach house and then she went back to the house."

"Do you think Elizabeth killed her sister?" Lisa asked helplessly.

"Certainly not!" her father retorted vigorously. "That damning bit of evidence that she was in or near the coach house was purely circumstantial. The same could apply to me," he said gloomily.

Lisa recalled her father's bitterness toward Lavinia Grenable. He had opposed Lisa's engagement to Court. He had warned Lisa that to marry Court would mean unhappiness at the hands of Lavinia.

Again his words returned to her with a powerful sinisterness. "I would give my life..."

She looked away quickly. "Lavinia hated you because of her accident," she mused. "I wonder if the kindest thing to think would be that she was a little insane herself."

"There was in that woman a thread of evil beyond understanding," Henry Farwell said. "But if Elizabeth didn't do it and I didn't, who did?" And he looked at his daughter with a terrible intensity.

She stood up suddenly. "Court's upset," she fumbled with the ivy on the window sill. "I... I think I'll walk over there to see him!"

INSTEAD of walking, Lisa decided to take the car. Just as she turned out of the driveway another car swept around the curve and she waited for it to pass. And then a warm rush of relief.

(To Be Continued)

ran through her, Court was coming to see her after all. The familiar green roadster swerved on the turn and the dark head never once turned toward the low rambling house, half hidden by trees. Amazed she watched him drive past her, cross the clearing, and take the right fork toward the Grenable house.

With a quick thrust of anger that she couldn't quite explain, she followed Court. He was halfway to the door when she drove in the driveway and deliberately honked at him.

"Lisa!" He wheeled and came back to her, his face softening as he took her hands. He was more the old Court when he acted like that, but she was no longer the other Lisa. She was completely unmoved. The experience saddened her. "I was just going in to telephone you," he told her.

"I—I wanted to talk to you, too," she said. "We can't go on like this, Court. You've shut me out completely. I—I feel like a stranger. I want to help but I don't know how. You won't let me."

"It's because of your father," he said unhappily. "You're angry with me for telling the police about seeing him on the ridge. You didn't understand my position."

"But Court, you knew that my father would never murder!"

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Anyhow, it seems to me that virtue is not a matter of expediency but of right and wrong, and that if you have to lower your ideals to get a husband you are better off without one. You can pay too high a price for a wedding ring.

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## PUZZLED

Answer: You must live in a community in which the moral standards are unusually low if only soiled doves flutter to the altar and where men prefer wives with bedraggled skirts to those who come to them clean.

You say that in your community love helps a girl to get a husband, but do you suppose that many such marriages are happy? If you do, I wish that you could read some of the letters that come to me on the subject. Women write me that, although their husbands "forgave" them before marriage, after marriage they throw up their pasts to them in every quarrel between them. And men write that, although they believe that they were their wives only lovers before marriage and that although their wives have been true to them, so far as they know, they feel that they can never trust them.

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Answer: I doubt if a sloven, either male or female, was ever cured of slovenliness. But one thing is sure. Unless your husband cures himself of the habit of looking like something the cat brought in he will never in the world get a job as principal of a city school. For neatness is one of the things that they try to impress most on children, and how can they do that if Teacher is one of the great unwashed?

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## 25 Years Ago Today

From Files of Star of Hope

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A concert by the Chamber of Commerce Band is announced for Thursday, February 18 with Dwight Balke, directing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Spragins, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Anderson and H. Clay Heather of Palmyra, Mo. spent yesterday in Texarkana.

The Bay View Club is meeting this afternoon with Mrs. John Gibson.

Mrs. Lillian Mohler of Pine Bluff, state president of the Business and Professional Women's club will be a guest of the Hope club tonight.

There are about 225 breeds of purebred dogs.

be neat he calls it nagging and it makes him angry. What must I do?

## WORRIED WIFE

Answer: I doubt



## Ray Collins



By J. R. Williams

YOU TEND TO  
DIRECT...

BUT WE BOTH KNOW  
SOMETHING ELSE, MR.  
FROST, MEANING NO  
OFFENSE, MURDERING  
CAN BE HARD!

ORRIN  
HILLMAN

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LOCATED HIM! BUT  
WHERE HE GOT HIS  
TRICK TO HIDE HIM —  
TIDLEY HALL!

HEY, SIR RUDOLPH!  
WHY THAT HE'S  
GORGEBLY WE  
HAVE NO TIME  
TO LOSE!

**By Dick Turner**



A cartoon illustration of a man in a suit and a woman in a dress standing in front of a large, ornate building. The man is holding a sign that says "I'M NOT TAKIN' ANY CHANCES". The woman is looking at him with a concerned expression. The building has many windows and a large dome. The scene is set in a city street with other buildings in the background.

**By Galbraith**



### By Blosser

**HENRY**





